AMUSEMENTS.

# IN THE MUSIC WORLD-TOPICS OF THE EARLY SEASON

# Vexed Question of Tempo Is Raised Again at the Opera

It Seems That the Ancient Discussion Will Never Relapse Into Peace-Importance of the Matter of Pace-Wagner's Observations.

By W. J. HENDERSON.

IME." remarked a certain learned Theban immortalized by Shakespeare, "travels in divers paces with divers persons. I'll tell you who Time ambles withal, who Time trots withal, who Time gallops withal and who he stands still withal." Therefore we may comfortably sit upon the conclusion that the vexed question of tempo was always rumpling its feathers like the irate turkey and that it will never relapse into peace

The musical season is yet in its infancy and already a dozen occasions have demanded consideration of the subject of tempo. We need not go further back than the opening night of the opera, when Mr. Martinelli posed upon the little platform before the counterfeit presentment of the much discussed Avanti and sang the first of the pretty tunes which decorate the score of Puccini's "Tesca."

Mr. Moranzoni, who was conducting the opera, had one idea about the pace at which the song should proceed and Mr. Martinelli had another. They compromised on Mr. Martinelli's, for the sufficient reason that while Mr. Moranzoni could lead his orchestra he could not lead the tenor. The singer stuck to his guns and fired with deliberation.

Who was wrong? Or were they both right? The music reviewer of this newspaper has frequently pondered this theme of tempo and has from time to time written and published words about it. He has often been severely rebuked by musicians for entertaining the belief that in the interpretation of all kinds of music the choice of a correct tempo is of vital importance.

The writer once received a long and interesting letter from a musician who had enjoyed much experience in conducting new compositions, and he recited with glee how he had once played a certain movement first in the tempo given to him, by the composer and afterward in that which he himself preferred. The composer instantly agreed with him that the second tempo was the better. It did not occur to the writer of the letter that he was proving this writer's case. The fact that when the composer heard his own music played a little faster than he had ever heard it before and perceived at once that this made it seem better proves conclusively that the question of tempo was highly important,

Richard Wagner Answered the Query.

But it leaves us still with this inquiry before us: "In such a case why are we not to determine that one tempo is as good as another, or like stories, till another is heard?"

Probably the best of all answers to these queries was that made by Richard Wagner before some of us were born. Wagner was not only great composer but also a master conductor. It was he who startled the London Philharmonic by his flery and intellectual readings. But he himself had his eyes opened to the real meaning of conducting when he first heard the Paris Conservatoire Orchestra under Habeneck. He

> tempo must be the act of a musical mind governed by taste and possessed

> > Setting of a General Pace.

Composers often mark their temp

by the beat of the metronome. There

is much rebellion against such marks.

Conductors refuse to be marched

WEDNESDAY.
"Die Tote Stadt," with Mme. Jeritza
and Mr. Harrold.

THURSDAY.

Matinee—"Carmen," with Mme.
Easton, Miss Queena Mario (de-but), Messrs. Martinelli and De

Luca. Evening-"Traviata," with Mme. Bori and Messrs. Gigli and

FRIDAY. "Tosca," with Mme. Jeritza and Messrs. Johnson and Scotti.

SATURDAY.

Matinee—"Don Carlos," with Mmes. Peralta, Sundellus and Gordon,

Messrs. Martinelli, Challapin and

De Luca. Evening-"L'Oracolo"

and "Pagliacet," the former with Mme. Bori, Messrs, Chamlee and

Scottl; the latter with Mme. Rethberg, Messrs. Kingston and

Danise.

heard it play a symphony of Beethoven and swiftly arrived at the Not so when swift Camilla scours the conclusion that the conductor had found the key to the true interpretation of the master. And what was tion of the master. And what was that key? Here are Wagner's words the poet indicated to the reader of his as translated by Dannreuther:

"The French idea of playing an in- lines and a quick one for the second strument well is to be able to sing and third. How quick? How slow? well upon it. And that superb or- Just enough to make the melody of chestra sang the symphony. The pos-sibility of its being sung implies that dence. The determination of that the true tempo had been found and this is the second point which impressed me-at the time. Old Habeneck determination of a correct musical pressed me at the time. Old Habeneck was not the medium of any abstract esthetical inspiration; he was devoid of genius. But he found the right tempo while persistently fixing the attention of his orchestra upon the melos of the symphony, the right nsion of the melos. These two things are inseparable; the one implies and qualifies the other."

Wagner continued his descanting on the tempo by declaring that through a symphonic movement by a wooden drill sergeant barking "Left: how to sing a melody. Without doubt had found them mechanical. Their familiar "Hept:" Nor does any comprehens the tempo, whether it treatment of the temporal treatment of the temporal treatment of was right or wrong, was mercliess in poser desire anything of this kind. Its exactness. Rigorous precision in The metronome mark is not to be acthe matter of tempo must inevitably result in cold performance. The great singer and the great conductor are artists who persistently fix their attention upon the inelos—a word which Wagner uses to signify not only the melodic outline but the color and in a conversation with Arthur Ni-

trated on making his own per effects to very likely to use a tempo white is very likely to use a tempo white spoken farma. He does not still tempo, but that is what it is. "The spoken fargs," he says. That means their beaufulul curves and become a series of flat lines, or he hurries them so that the same graceful curves become broken lines moving in sequences of angles. Wanner complained that whereas, when he concluded "Tannhaeuser" in Dresden, the would do so, especially when he orned took twelve minutes to perform; a few years last reconductor. The professional concert when white would do so, especially when he hears a Bach fugue slaughtered by a player who thinks to astonish to sale the then they would make the training faill-cured who has not leave the performance of "Der Rosenkavaller" at the Metropolitan a want of incisiveness in the entire first of the opera and attributed it to Mr. Bodansky's eagerness to emphasize details. He was obliged to proceed a want of incisiveness in the entire first of the opera and attributed it to Mr. Bodansky's eagerness to emphasize datalis. He was obliged to proceed slowly in order that his reflinements might not be lost in the rush.

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In opera tempi are always of vital importance. So they are in the drama, and even in literature, intended only to be read. The actor who is alone on the stage may indeed choose his own tempo. He may speak his lines delib-erately or vivaciously, according to his conception of the theatrical values. But when it comes to this choice of ovement he must be quite as sure tempo is not such as to destroy the effect of his utterance. Pope put the whole matter into four lines of verse when he wrote in his "Essay on Criticism" these words:
"When Ajax strives some rock's vast

weight to throw,
The line too labors and the words move

Debutante in the Metropolitan Opera and Stars in Concerts to Come



# New York Symphony Plays on Tour's Eve

Aeolian Hall and Leaves City To-morrow.

A T the New Total Acolian Manhattan Opera House this attention Felix Sal-Hall this afternoon Felix Sal-Grieg, "Peer Gynt" suite, No. 1: Johann Grieg, "Peer Gynt" suite, No. 1: Johann Opera House this attention of the Sal-Ball Sa

Alfred Cortot will be the soloist at the Society's concert at Carnegle Hall on Saturday night, playing Schumann's plane concerto. Mr. Stransky will lead the orchestra in its first performance this season of Tschaikovsky's "Pathetique" symphony, and in Beethoven's "Leonore" Overture No. 3.

At the Philharmonic's second Brooklyn concert on Sunday afternoon, December 2. Alfred Cortot will be the soloist, playing Schumann's piano concerto. The orchestral numbers, directed by Mr. Stransky, will be Beethoven's "Leonore" Overture No. 3, Rimsky Korsakov's "Schehererade." and Tschai-

"Leonore" Overture No. 3, Rimsky Koraskov's "Scheherezade," and Tachaikovsky's "March Siav."

On Wednesday evening in the Great
Hall of the College of the City of New
York the second in the series of ten
low priced concerts being given by the
society in alliance with the City College
and Hunter College will take place.
These concerts, which are paralleled by
lecture courses on the appreciation of
music by Prof. Samuel A. Baldwin at
City College Hall and Prof. Henry
Thomas Fleck at Hunter College Hall,
were originally planned for the students only. But the capacity of the two
halls is such that after seating all the

music students there will be room for many others. The public can secure seats for Wedneaday evening and for the rest of the concerts by applying to Dean Frederik B. Robinson at room 226, main building of City College,

The program for the City Symphon T the New York Symphony Or- Orchestra's first "pop" concert at the "Thus Spake Zarathustra" will also be chestra's concert in Acolian Manhattan Opera House this afternoon. played.

with the intention upon the meloss—a word which Wagner uses, to signify not only the melodic outline but the color and shading, and, in short, the whole settlete character of the melody.

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In too many instances singers, expectably opera singers, are bent on exhibiting their best tones regardless of their appositeness to the scheme of the composer. Those who never read the composer. Those who never read the sources of operas have no idea of the scores of operas have no idea of the score operas have no idea of the score operas have no idea of the scores of operas have no i

Philharmonic Has Busy Week -Other Events for Music

# NOONDAY MUSICALE

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Calendar of Concerts.

TO-DAY.

Carnegie Hall, 3, Philharmonic So-ciety. Aeolian Hall, 3, New York Symphony Orchestra. Town Hall, 3:30, Friends of Music. Manhat-tan Opera House, 3, the City Symphony Orhstra "pop" concert. Hippodrome, 8:15, John McCormack. Metropolitan Opera House, 8:30, operatic concert. MONDAY.

Carnegie Hall, 8:30, City Symphony Orchestra. Aeolian Hall, 3, Miss Margrethe Somme, planist. Aeolian Hall, 8:15, Beethoven

TUESDAY.

Metropolitan Opera House, 8:30,
Philharmonic Society. Carnegie
Hall, 8:15, Miss Frieda Hempel, soprano. Aeolian Hall, 3, Beryl Rubinstein, pianist. Aeolian Hall, 8:15, Miss Minerva Komenarski, contralto. Town Hall, 3, George S. Madden, barytone. At the residence of Mrs. Dunlevy Milbank, 1026 Fifth avenue, 3, Miss Jeanne de Mare, lecture-recital, "La Musique Russe."

WEDNESDAY. Town Hall, 3, City Symphony Or-chestra. Wanamaker Auditorium, 2:30, Charles Courboin, organ re-cital. Aeolian Hall, 3, Miss Elaise Gagneau, contralto. Carnegie Hall. 8:15, Leonidas Coronis,

THURSDAY.
Carnegie Hall, 8:15, Boston Symphony Orchestra. Aeolian Hall, 8:15, Miss Ethel Katz, pianist. FRIDAY.

barytone. Town Hall, 8:15, Miss Elsie Reign, contralto.

Carnegie Hall, 2:30, Society. Biltmore Hotel ballroom, 11, musicale. Aeolian Hall, noonday musicale, directed by Frank La Forge and Ernesto Berumen. Aeolian Hall, 8:15, Harold Morris,

SATURDAY. Carnegie Hall, 2:30, Boston Symphony Orchestra. Carnegie Hall, 8:30, Philharmonic Society Aeolian Hall, 3, Victor Wittgenstein, pianist.

ton Symphony Orchestra and held the -1884-1889 and 1898-1906.

The Friends of Music will give an all Bach program at their first concert this afternoon in Town Hall. The forces ho will present the music are: Artur Bodanzky, director; an orchestra; the society's chorus, Stephen S. Townsend, chorus master; Brontslaw Huberman, violinist, and four singers from the Metropolitan Opera House—Frances Peralta, soprane: Marion Telva, contraito; George Meader, tenor, and Paul Bender, bass. The works to be heard are: Choral-prelude for orsan, "Auf tiefer Not schrei ich zu Dir" (orchestrated by Bodanzky): church cantata No. 188—"Der Friede sei mit Dir," Mr. Bender and chorus; concerto in A minor for violin and orchestra; church cantata No. 63—"Christen, Aetzet diesen Tag." society's chorus, Stephen S. Townsend

John McCormack will appear as an interpreter of German lleder in the original tongue when he gives his third concert to-night at the Hippodrome-Hugo Wolf's "Wo find ich Trost" is the number chosen. It is McCormack's favorite in German song literature. He will also sing for the first time Armas Jernefelt's "A Dreamer's Song to Life," as translated by himself; Handelian airs; Irish folks songs: "The Lost Chord," and other selections. Ru-

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METROPOLITAN OFERA Mon., 7:45. Tristan. Matzenauer, Onegin Taucher, Whitehill, Bender, Bodanzk; Wed., 8:15. Tote Stadt. Jeritza, Teiva Harrold, Schutzendorf, Meader, Bada

Thurs. (Thanksg'g) Mat. at 2. \$1 to 35. Carmen. Easton, Mario debut), Galli, Martinelli, De Luca. Hasselmans.

Thurs., S.15, La Traviata. Borl, Galli, Girli, Danise, Picchi, Bada. Moranoroni. Fric., S.15, Tosca. Joritza; Johnson, Scotti, Picchi, Malatesta. Moranoroni. Sat., 2, Don Carlos, Peraita. Gordon. Galli: Martinelli, De Luca. Chaliapin, Rothier. Papl.

Sat., 8, Pop. Prices, Oracolo, Borl: Chamlee, Scotti, Didur. Moranzoni. Pagliacci. Rethberg; Kingston, Danise. Papi.

TO-NIGHT

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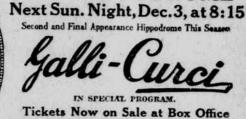
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